

**ORDINANCE NO. 5378**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5 – ANIMALS AND FOWL, SECTION 5-60. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF MEMPHIS TO REQUIRE DOG RESTRAINT BY TIE-OUTS OR OVERHEAD CABLES TO BE IN ADDITION TO TRADITIONAL FENCING AND THAT DOGS RESTRAINED BY TIE-OUTS OR OVERHEAD CABLE RUNS BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED**

**WHEREAS**, the Memphis City Council desires to protect the citizens and pets of Memphis from the dangers dogs running at-large.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS**, that **Section 5-60. Dogs running at large. (c) (2)** of the Code of Ordinances, City of Memphis, be hereby amended to read as follows:

*Dogs Restrained by Tie-Outs or Overhead Cable Runs.* Dogs may be restrained with suitably sized tie-outs or overhead cable runs. These restraints must be sufficient in length but never less than six feet, excluding length around collar, and nonrigid, to allow the animal freedom of motion, and to move about at will within a protected area on the property of the owner or handler without becoming tangled in obstacles. These types of restraints shall prevent the dog from traversing upon another person's property, public sidewalks or public property and from charging and harassing persons and pedestrians utilizing these properties.

(a) Dogs restrained by tie-outs or overhead cable runs must be spayed or neutered, not subject to any exemption under Sec. 5-85 of this Chapter.

**SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby severable. If any of these sections, provisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or parts are held unconstitutional or void, the remainder of this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS**, that this ordinance shall take effect on the later of: after it is passed by the Council, signed by the Chairman of the Council, certified and delivered to

the Office of the Mayor in writing by the comptroller and become effective as otherwise provided by law.

SHEA FLINN  
Council Member

HAROLD COLLINS  
Council Chairman

Attest:  
Patrice Thomas, Comptroller